

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An iceberg lettuce cultivar, or a part plant, and the parts thereof, wherein said iceberg lettuce cultivar comprises comprising a first outer leaf having a length to width ratio between about 1.2 to about 2.7 and a color which ranges from about RHS 146A to about RHS146B.
2. (Currently Amended) [[An]]The iceberg lettuce cultivar or a part plant and the parts thereof according to claim 1 having a spatulate leaf shape.
3. (Currently Amended) [[An]]The iceberg lettuce cultivar or a part plant and the parts thereof according to claim 1 having an elliptical stature.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Currently Amended) [[An]]The iceberg lettuce cultivar or a part plant and the parts thereof according to claim [[4]]_1, further comprising a blanched inner leaf color, ranging from about RHS 145C to about RHS 145D.
6. (Currently Amended) [[An]]The iceberg lettuce cultivar or a part plant and the parts thereof according to claim 1, further comprising a semi-open head.

7. (Currently Amended) [[An]]The iceberg lettuce cultivar or a part plant and the parts thereof according to claim 1, further comprising resistance to one or more of the following diseases: corky root and lettuce mosaic virus.

8. (Original) A method of producing an iceberg lettuce having a first outer leaf with a length to width ratio of about 1.2 to about 2.7 comprising: a) crossing an iceberg lettuce with a romaine lettuce to produce hybrid seed; b) growing said hybrid seed to produce a hybrid plant; c) selfing said hybrid seed to produce F₂ progeny seed; d) growing said F₂ progeny seed to produce F₂ plants; and e) selecting said F₂ plants for expression of one or more characteristics selected from the group consisting of: length to width ratio greater than 1.0, spatulate leaf shape, semi-open head, and elliptical stature, resistance to corky root rot, resistance to lettuce mosaic virus, and plant height.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising: f) crossing said selected plant with itself or another lettuce plant to yield iceberg lettuce progeny seed; g) growing said progeny seed of step (f) under plant growth conditions to yield progeny plants; and h) repeating the crossing and growing steps of (f) and (g) from 0 to 7 times to generate further iceberg lettuce plants which express one or more of the following characteristics selected from the group consisting of: length to width ratio greater than 1.0, spatulate leaf shape, elliptical stature, semi-open head, resistance to corky root rot, resistance to lettuce mosaic virus and plant height.

38. (Currently Amended) A seed [[Seed]] of an iceberg lettuce plant of claim 1, wherein said seed is from a *Lactuca sativa L* line selected from the group consisting of PSR 6425; PSR 6595; and PSR 6032, ~~representative seed having been deposited with the American type Culture Collection under accession number PTA-3248~~.

39. (Currently Amended) A *Lactuca sativa L.* plant, or a part [[parts]] thereof, produced by growing the seed of claim 38.

40. (Previously presented) A *Lactuca sativa L.* plant, or parts thereof, having all the physiological and morphological characteristics of the *Lactuca sativa L.* plant of claim 39.

41. (Currently Amended) An F₁ hybrid *Lactuca sativa L.* plant, [[and]] or a part [[parts]] thereof, having as one or more parents a *Lactuca sativa L.* plant of claim 39.

42. (Currently Amended) A seed [[Seed]] produced by growing the hybrid plant of claim 41.

43. (Currently Amended) An iceberg [[Iceberg]] lettuce cultivar [[plants]], or a part [[parts]] thereof, wherein at least one ancestor of said lettuce plant is the lettuce plant of claim 39 and wherein said plant expresses at least one of the following traits selected from the group consisting of spatulate leaf shape, elliptical stature and length to width ratio of about 1.2 to about 1.8.

44. (Currently Amended) The F₁ hybrid ~~plant~~ cultivar of claim 41, wherein said one or more parents ~~parent line~~ is PSR 6425.

45. (Currently Amended) The F₁ hybrid ~~plant~~ cultivar of claim 44 expressing a combination of at least two traits selected from the group consisting of: length to width ratio of about 1.2 to about 1.8, spatulate leaf shape, elliptical stature, semi-open head formation, resistance to corky root rot and resistance to lettuce mosaic virus.

46. (New) The iceberg lettuce cultivar or a part thereof according to claim 5, further comprising a semi-open head.

47. (New) The iceberg lettuce cultivar or a part thereof according to claim 5, further comprising resistance to one or more of the following diseases: corky root and lettuce mosaic virus.

48. (New) An iceberg lettuce cultivar or a part thereof produced by the method of claim 8 wherein said iceberg lettuce cultivar comprises a first outer leaf having a length to width ratio between about 1.2 to about 2.7 and a color which ranges from about RHS 146A to about RHS146B.

49. (New) The iceberg lettuce plant, or a part thereof, according to claim 43, wherein said plant has a spatulate leaf shape, an elliptical stature and a leaf length to width ratio of about 1.2 to about 1.8.

50. (New) The F₁ hybrid plant of claim 45 having a leaf length to width ratio of about 1.2 to about 1.8, a spatulate leaf shape, a semi-open head, and resistance to lettuce mosaic virus.

51. (New) The iceberg lettuce or a part thereof according to claim 48 having a spatulate leaf shape.

52. (New) The iceberg lettuce or a part thereof according to claim 48 having an elliptical stature.

53. (New) The iceberg lettuce or a part thereof according to claim 48, further comprising a blanched inner leaf color, ranging from about RHS 145C to about RHS 145D.

54. (New) The iceberg lettuce or a part thereof according to claim 48, further comprising a semi-open head.

55. (New) The iceberg lettuce or a part thereof according to claim 48, further comprising resistance to one or more of the following diseases: corky root rot and lettuce mosaic virus.

56. (New) An iceberg lettuce cultivar or a part thereof produced by the method of claim 8 wherein said iceberg lettuce cultivar comprises a first outer leaf having

a length to width ratio between about 1.2 to about 2.7, a color which ranges from about RHS 146A to about RHS146B, a semi-open head, and resistance to a disease selected from the group consisting of corky root rot and lettuce mosaic virus.